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From The Hongkong "Daily Press," 8th April, 1904. 692

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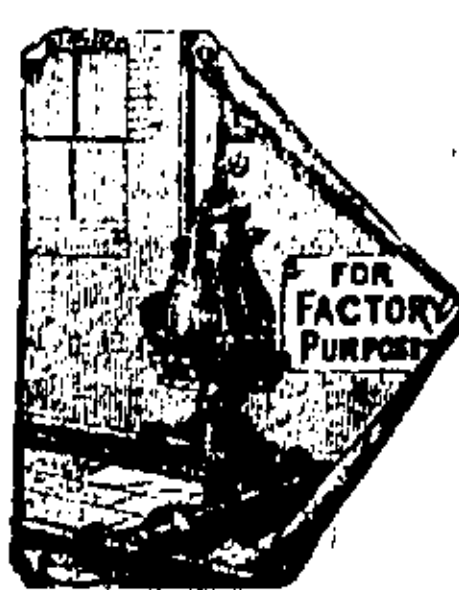
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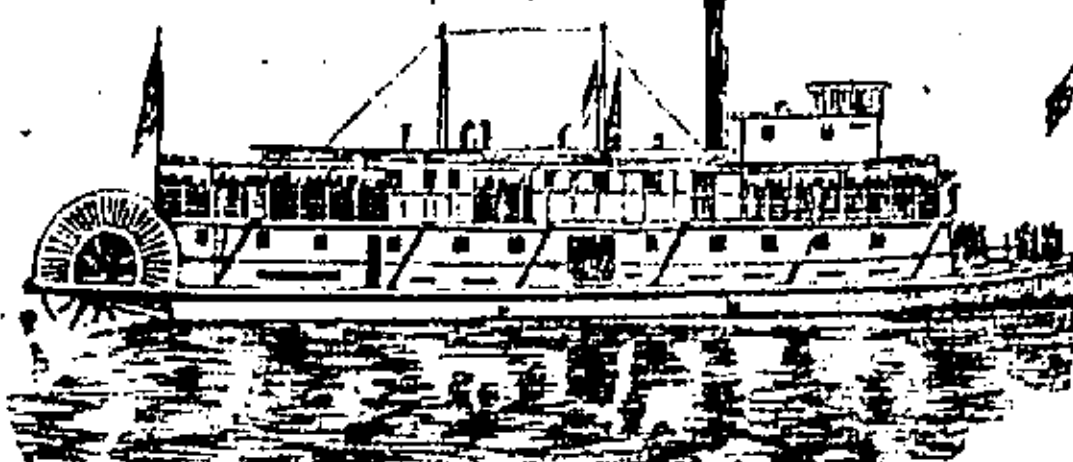
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## LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

LONDON, March 11.

The *Granta*, the leading Cambridge University paper, protests against the description of undergraduates as 'students' and tells us: 'You may find students in Edinburgh and the other universities north of the Tweed. But at Oxford and Cambridge the species is practically non-existent. I have long suspected this to be the case, and am glad to have it officially confirmed. I know well that a man goes to a Scottish university to work, setting before him an ideal of plain living and high thinking, very different from the plan of campaign at Oxford or Cambridge. The Scot who covets a degree desires it for his own satisfaction as an evidence of substantial scholarship, and though he spends perhaps a third of the amount he gets better value for his money. I dare not say that better value is offered, for the honours man of Oxford or Cambridge is quite equal to the honours man of Edinburgh, but the pass man in Scotland is a better scholar, though less of an athlete than the poll man of the south. It is scarcely inappropriate to quote another sentence from the *Granta*. We regret that no criticism of 'My Lady Virtue' can appear this week, as our dramatic critic was prostrated last Tuesday night on Parker's Place, and has been unable to rise since.'

More than half a century ago, a way of shopping, but the good old-fashioned way has at least three. What a man wants, he goes and buys and there an end on't; but a woman distinguishes between sales shopping, bargain shopping and chance shopping. A certain season of the year, she rushes in her thousands to Regent Street and Bond Street to revel in the bargains marked down from 7/11 to 5/11. At any time, she may (as a man could not do if he tried) rally forth for an afternoon in the shops, without the ghost of an idea what she intends to purchase, but with the certainty of a pleasant and probably profitable excursion. Chance shopping depends on the weather. Last summer began on Wednesday of this week, and the dealers hastened to fill their windows with the ground bait alluring to the fish for which they sought. Caught by the eye, lovely woman hesitates, and bang go many shillings. This year, chance shopping has not been very successful. The elements have been against it, and times have been so hard that very few of us have any money for our controllers to spend.

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Albion	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Captain T. H. M. Jorram	Mira Bay
Algerine	sloop	1050	6	1400	Commander R. Nugent	Hongkong
Amphitrite	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	18,000	Capt. Charles Windham, O.V.O.	Mira Bay
Blenheim	cruiser, 1st class	8000	12	13,000	Captain E. G. Stanford	Singapore
Brilliant	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Com. F. M. Leake	Hongkong
Britannia	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Com. T. D. Pratt	Shanghai
Centurion	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Captain Henry M. Tudor	Mira Bay
Cressy	cruiser, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Captain Robert H. S. Stokes	Mira Bay
Cherub	water tank and tug	390	—	340	Comdr. Ernest Barton	Hongkong
Eclipse	cruiser, 2nd class	6800	11	9000		Singapore
Epigale	sloop	1070	10	1400		Newchwang
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	320	4	6700		Hongkong
Fearless	cruiser, 3rd class	1680	12	3200	Comdr. P. V. Lawes, D.S.O.	Chenulopo
"Glory"	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Captain W. A. Carter	Mira Bay
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	6	200	6	Lieut.-Com. H. L. Well	Wei-hai-wei
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000		Shanghai
Humber	torpedo boat destroyer	1640	—	800	Comdr. J. D. Daintree	Hongkong
Jana	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	8900	Lieut.-Comdr. C. Asser	Wei-hai-wei
Kineba	river gunboat	—	4	—	Lt.-Comdr. G. B. Powell	Yangtze-kiang
Leviathan	cruiser, 1st class	14,100	—	31,532	Hon. N. G. Stopford	Wei-hai-wei
Loathen	river gunboat	180	2	890	Lt.-Comdr. G. G. Webster	Macao
Ocean	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Captain R. F. Foote, C.M.G.	Mira Bay
Otter	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300	Lt.-Com. G. G. Codrington	Wei-hai-wei
Phoenix	sloop	1015	6	1400	Commander W. H. Nicholas	Singapore
Rambler	sloop	835	6	1400	Captain Moorhead	Hongkong
Rinaldo	river gunboat	95	2	240	Com. D. St. A. Wake	Shanghai
Rohan	river gunboat	890	6	1400	Lt.-Com. John P. Irvon	Canton
Rosario	river gunboat	85	2	140	Comdr. T. Jackson	Shanghai
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240		West River
Sirius	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. O. H. H. Moore	Hongkong
Snipe	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Davidson	Yangtze
Sparrowhawk	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300		Hongkong
Taku	torpedo boat destroyer	290	6	6900	Fleet Reserve	Hongkong
Talbot	cruiser, 2nd class	5600	11	9600	Captain Leslie Bapty	Singapore
Tamar	receiving ship	4650	8	—	Commodore Dicken	Hongkong
Tao	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. E. V. Dugmore	Yangtze
Thetis	cruiser, 2nd class	140	8	6000	Capt. J. A. O. Wilkinson	Shanghai
Tweed	coast defence gunboat	383	3	200	Lieut. Forbes	Hankow
Vengeance	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Capt. Leslie Stuart, C.M.G.	Mira Bay
Vestal	sloop	980	10	1490	Comdr. St. John Farquhar	Singapore
Virago	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	6300	Lieut.-Comdr. A. B. Barker	Hongkong
Waterwitch	surveying ship	320	—	450	Lt.-Comdr. Ernest O. Hardy	On a cruise
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	6900	In Reserve	Hongkong
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	550	Lieut.-Com. Hugh Somerville	Hankow
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	550	Lieut.-Com. Wason	Yangtze



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**BIRTH.**  
At Swatow, on the 12th April, the Wife  
of Arthur MacGowan, of a Daughter.

Mrs W. F. BARKER begs to return her  
heartfelt thanks for the many expressions  
of sympathy she has received in the sad  
loss she and her children have sustained by  
the death of her husband.

Roseline Gas Works,  
14th April, 1904.

The publication of this issue commenced  
at 5.20 p.m.

**The China Mail.**

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1904.

At the meeting of the Hongkong  
General Chamber of Commerce held to  
discuss the advisability of adopting  
the gold standard in Hongkong, it  
was stated by one member, an opponent  
of the proposal, that the gold standard  
had been a failure in India and not a  
success in Japan. As he was deemed  
an expert by those who heard him,  
his statement was allowed to go uncontro-  
verted at the time. Some months  
later, when official reports and statistics  
were available, we showed that his  
statement, so far as it related to India,  
was absolutely incorrect, and a gentle-  
man engaged in the Indian trade wrote  
in support of the opinion we advanced  
based on the responsible reports from  
India. In the meanwhile, our Manila  
correspondent, who has a long and  
intimate acquaintance with the trade  
of the Philippines, has written in  
support of the change to a gold standard  
in the Philippines and now we have  
the authority of a representative body  
in Japan for the statement that the  
gold standard has been a success in  
Japan. So that the statement of at  
least one "expert" who is believed to  
have influenced Sir Henry Blake against  
any change of currency in Hongkong  
is, as we suspected at the time,  
absolutely worthless, so far as he  
referred to eastern countries that  
have adopted the gold standard. Is it  
not therefore highly probable that this  
cocksure "expert," who was absolutely  
ignorant where questions of fact were  
at issue, was utterly incapable of giving  
an unbiased and reasonable opinion on  
the problematical question of the effect  
of changing Hongkong's currency?

Our statements with regard to Japan  
are based upon the report for 1903  
of the Yokohama Foreign Board of Trade.  
We must assume that the gentlemen  
responsible for that report know more  
about the trade of Japan than anyone  
in Hongkong, however expert that in-  
dividual may be in currency matters.  
This is what the Yokohama body has  
to say:—The Gold Standard of Japan,  
which has now been in operation for  
over six years, having come into force  
on the 1st October, 1897, continues to  
work smoothly and to facilitate trade,  
affording great convenience in all trans-  
actions with foreign countries. The  
report goes on to say:—

'The Gold Reserve of the Bank of  
Japan, which, at the commencement of  
the year under review stood at  
Y.108,053,000, against a Note issue of  
Y.230,809,000, rose steadily between  
the months of March and September,  
and by the end of the year stood at  
Y.113,384,000, against a Note issue of  
Y.211,890,000. These figures, com-  
pared with the position at the end of  
each of the four previous years, as  
shown below, will be regarded as very  
satisfactory:—

	Gold Reserve.	Note Issue.
1903	Y.113,384,000	Y.211,890,000
1902	Y.108,053,000	Y.230,809,000
1901	Y.68,504,000	Y.196,000,000
1900	Y.65,000,000	Y.151,000,000
1899	Y.110,504,000	Y.225,000,000

It is noteworthy that, notwithstanding  
the balance of trade for the year  
1903 being Y.27,653,000 against Japan,  
the imports of Treasure exceeded the  
Exports by Y.8,806,000.

The following table gives the Imports  
and Exports of Gold during the past  
eight years, and embraces the whole  
period affected by Japan's adoption of  
the Gold Standard:—

	Imports.	Exports.
1896	Y.10,217,458	Y.1,398,275
1897	Y.64,313,492	Y.8,893,797
1898	Y.37,027,762	Y.48,251,543
1899	Y.20,081,685	Y.7,768,205
1900	Y.20,081,685	Y.11,761,614
1901	Y.10,651,267	Y.11,477,852
1902	Y.30,183,670	Y.453,313
1903	Y.27,907,469	Y.19,001,198

Y.209,248,934 Y.148,004,937  
Excess of Import ... 90,044,977

The paragraph in the report dealing  
with Exchange shows that the fluctu-  
ation was between 2/0 1/2 per yen as the  
Bank's selling rate for demand drafts  
on London (an unusually high rate) at  
the commencement of 1903 to 2/0 1/2 on  
the 29th December. What would not  
traders in Hongkong give to have only  
such a fluctuation to face! It is not a

matter of sixteenths of a penny here,  
but of pennies. It is interesting to  
have this evidence from Japan, for  
while it may not prove that Hongkong  
could introduce the gold standard with  
safety it goes to prove, with the evi-  
dence to hand from elsewhere, that the  
statements made at the currency meet-  
ing by opponents of reform were ab-  
solutely erroneous, misleading and  
worthless.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

**The University Boat Race.**  
The betting on the University boat race  
between Oxford and Cambridge on the eve  
of the race was 13 to 3 on Cambridge.

**The New Governor.**  
It is understood that, according to  
present arrangements, Sir Matthew Na-  
than, the new Governor of the Colony,  
starts from England for Hongkong in July  
next.

**France and Siam.**  
In connection with the ratification  
of the Franco-Siam Treaty, four members  
of the French Civil Service in Indo-China  
have been appointed to go to Siam to study  
the country.

**For Gunnery Practice.**  
The War Office Council has decided  
that the heavy batteries (40-pounder rifled  
breechloaders) of Royal Garrison Artillery  
Volunteers shall this year be given a  
double allowance (300 rounds per battery)  
of practice ammunition.

**International Lawn Tennis.**  
The United States National Lawn  
Tennis Association has cabled to the Sec-  
retary of the English Lawn Tennis Associa-  
tion that it will not take part in the contest  
for the Davis International Cup, to be held  
at the All-England ground, Wimbledon, in  
July.

**Gamblers in Trouble.**  
Inspector Williamson prosecuted a  
Chinaman for gambling in a public place,  
and a fine of \$5, in default fourteen days'  
imprisonment, was imposed. When the  
police raided the gang who were playing,  
the kerosene lamp was exploded and only  
one man was captured.

**Collision in the Harbour.**  
Yesterday morning a steam launch,  
believed to be the 'Y. 1st', collided with  
a sampan containing two Chinese women  
and a baby. The sampan was capsized  
and the occupants thrown into the water.  
They were all picked up and escaped with  
a drowning and a shock. The collision  
took place near the Kwong's buoy.

**Band at King Edward Hotel.**  
By kind permission of Lt.-Col. Ire-  
monger and Officers, the Band of the 93rd  
Barrack Infantry will play the following  
programme of music at the above Hotel,  
during dinner, on Friday, the 15th April,  
weather permitting:—

March: 'Field Service' ..... Ord Home  
Overture: 'The Rose of Persia' ..... Flow  
Selection: 'The Rose of Persia' ..... Flow  
Dance: 'The 300 Years' ..... Waller  
Selection: 'The 300 Years' ..... Waller

Columbus ..... Ivan Caryll  
Valse: 'Gloire de Dijon' ..... Andrew  
Mazurka: 'La Contesse' ..... Translator

**Larceny from a Dwelling House.**  
Yesterday it was reported that a thief  
had gained admittance to Mr. Chan Tung  
Shang's residence, Seymour Road. Enter-  
ance was effected by climbing on to the  
verandah on the first floor. Here a door  
was found open and the thief walked in.  
He discovered a couple of rings in the room  
and decamped. The value of the articles  
stolen is estimated at \$553. At the time  
of the larceny the occupants of the house  
were on the ground floor, but did not see  
the thief. No trace as to the identity of  
the thief has yet been found.

**The Troubadours.**  
Last night's performance of the  
Troubadours, now performing at the City  
Hall, was much better than the previous  
ones. Mr. Will Lansdowne was in fine  
singing voice, and he was enthusiastically  
recalled each time he appeared. Mr. G. V.  
Lloyd scored a triumph with his patter  
and his dancing. His appearance was  
responsible for many a hearty laugh. The  
Zancigs gave another interesting display of  
mental telepathy which demonstrated the  
complete union in which their minds work.  
Professor Zancig placed Madame Zancig in  
a hypnotic sleep and showed that the same  
result of thought transmission could be  
obtained whether his subject was hypnotised  
or not. To-night the Zancigs will give  
further exhibitions of hypnotism and  
thought transmission, and subjects from the  
audience will be selected to work on, if they  
are willing. To-morrow night Professor  
Zancig will put a subject into a hypnotic  
sleep for twenty-four hours, if he can secure  
a subject. A complete change of program-  
me is advertised for to-night and the last  
three nights are announced.

**Best Treatment.**  
Influenza is always more or less preva-  
lent at this season of the year. This  
disease is very similar to a severe cold and  
if allowed to take its course is liable to  
cause serious results. The best treatment  
for influenza is to avoid exposure and take  
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This me-  
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**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

**Note by the Way.**  
The final tie for the English football  
cup will be played at the Crystal Palace on  
Saturday, the 23rd inst.

The railway from Liverpool to South-  
port, which has been converted to an  
electric system, has been opened.

The Goldsmiths' Company has presented  
to London University its Polytechnic  
Institute at New Cross, valued at £100,000.

On the 23rd ult., the King opened the  
new wing of the Law Society's Hall, in  
Chancery-lane. The Queen accompanied  
his Majesty.

The M.C.C. have definitely decided to  
invite the cricket team which went to Aus-  
tralia under Mr P. F. Warner's captaincy  
to a dinner.

Peter Latham and Punch Fair have  
arranged to decide the Professional Lawn  
Tennis Championship at Brighton on May  
16, 18, and 20.

Mr J. F. Byrne, the old English  
Rugby football international, has been  
appointed captain of the Warwickshire  
cricket team this year.

Two Englishmen were arrested at  
Yamada, Ise, on the 31st ult. for having  
photographed the Great Imperial Shrine  
and had their apparatus confiscated by the  
authorities.

The total number of patients seen by  
the Doctor at the Pakhoi Medical and  
Leprosy Mission during 1903 was 31,183.  
There were 731 in-door patients and 1224  
operations were performed.

It is announced that Madame Patti has  
abandoned her third 'farewell' tour in the  
United States. Patti was born at Madrid  
in 1843, and made her debut at New York  
on 24th November, 1859.

An important stage in the Dover Na-  
tional Harbour Works was reached on the  
8th ult., when the last foundation block  
of the great Western arm was laid. The  
arm extends over 400 feet to sea.

Colonel Sir Fitzroy Donald Maclean of  
Duart and Morvern, resigns the Presi-  
dency of the Highland Society of London,  
which he has held for years, and will be  
succeeded by Colonel the Marquess of  
Tullibardine.

Although the famine in the north did  
not reach Pakhoi, its effects were severely  
felt. Food, especially rice, was very dear,  
and the mission there felt the pinch. The  
distress was relieved by a plentiful harvest  
in the autumn.

Lieutenant the Hon. R. F. Molynieux,  
who served in the Tirah Campaign, was  
severely wounded at Khartoum, and was  
on the Imperial Yeomanry Staff in South  
Africa, is resigning from the Royal Horse  
Guards, in which regiment he is Senior  
Lieutenant.

We have received a copy of the  
Pakhoi Medical and Leprosy Mission Report  
for 1903, from Dr L. G. Hill, which shows  
the excellent work done during the year.  
The total contributions received was  
\$13,161.71, but the balance sheet still  
shows a debit.

**Another Torpedo for Japan.**  
The Japanese torpedo-boat Hashitaka,  
which was under construction at the  
Kawasaki Shipbuilding Yard, Kobe, has  
been completed.

**Russian Patriotic Contributions.**  
The Emperor of Russia contributes two  
hundred million roubles to the Navy Fund  
from his private purse. Another hundred  
million is said to have been subscribed by  
the Society of Old Believers, an extremely  
religious sect, who refused to acquiesce in  
certain changes in the Russian Church ser-  
vice two hundred years ago.

**The Siberian Railway.**  
The following paragraph is taken from  
the Standard of the 9th ult.:—Mr. Burt,  
who has resigned the Presidency of the  
Union Pacific Railway, states (our New  
York Correspondent telegraphs) that he  
has accepted an appointment as adviser to  
the Siberian and Orenburg Taskend Rail-  
ways. He receives one hundred thousand  
dollars (gold) for a year's service.

**Complimentary Dinner at Bangkok.**  
The Bangkok Times of the 2nd inst.  
says:—In response to a universally ex-  
pressed wish, a farewell dinner in honour of  
Mr. T. McE. Brown is being arranged.  
It will take place at the United Club on  
Wednesday evening, the 6th inst. We are  
asked to state that Mr. T. F. Carlisle, of  
the British Legation, has kindly consented  
to act as hon. secretary and treasurer, that  
as the time is short those who desire to be  
present should send their names to him  
without delay, if they have not already  
notified some other member of the com-  
mittee who have the matter in hand. Mr.  
Brown is also to be the recipient of a  
presentation from the members of the  
Club. All Bangkok, in fact, feel that  
Brown will be greatly missed.

More than likely he is the pirate and had  
Browne is the Agent of the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Bank in Bangkok.

**TELEGRAMS.**

**THE ANGO-FRENCH  
AGREEMENT.**

**Siam.**  
LONDON, April 11.  
The official text of the agreement in re-  
ference to Siam says that the two parties,  
disclaiming all idea of annexation of ter-  
ritory, and being resolved to abstain from  
anything opposed to existing treaties, agree  
that their action shall be exercised freely  
in the spheres of influence East and West  
of Menam basin respectively.

**The New Treaty Between  
France and Siam.**  
The Paris correspondent of the Standard  
wrote on the 7th ult.:—

The Bill for the ratification of the  
Treaty between France and Siam, signed  
on February 13, has just been distrib-  
uted to Deputies. In the Chamber, M.  
Deleassé says that this new Convention,  
which replaces that of October 7, 1902,  
was negotiated with the desire to re-  
establish with Siam sufficiently friendly  
relations to permit the French 'to look for  
a wide expansion of their influence,' and  
also to promote the development, and  
the prosperity of French Indo-China. All  
the concessions obtained by the 1902 Treaty  
confer additional rights in the Mekong  
Valley and define the position of the  
French protégés in Siam. With regard  
to the Mekong Valley, the Minister  
shows that by the cession to France of  
that portion of the Kingdom of  
Luang-Prabang has been removed. From  
Chiang-tung to Bangkok the course of  
the Mekong separates the French posses-  
sions from those of Siam, but by conces-  
sions of land and by the authorisation to  
construct railways on the right bank of the  
river, where it is not navigable, the French  
will enjoy valuable facilities. Access to  
the river, which is granted to the French,  
completes the advantages.

The Bangkok  
Government had, in the 1902 Treaty, un-  
dertaken to keep in the basin of the Me-  
kong no other than Siamese troops, and  
also to construct fortifications in the  
basin of the river. Those stipulations  
were maintained, and, in addition, the  
Siamese Government undertakes to apply  
to France for the execution of all the great  
public works in that part of Siam which  
cannot be carried out with Siamese capital  
and Siamese engineers.

A Mixed Boundary Commission is to be  
appointed immediately after the ratifica-  
tion of the present Treaty, but even before  
that the two Governments will determine the  
principal points of the frontier, and es-  
pecially the point where it will reach the  
Gulf of Siam. M. Deleassé states that 'the  
Siamese Government is already walled  
starting from the western bank of the  
Great Lake, to reach the sea to the North  
of Krati, which is the best port of the  
coast, and which will consequently leave to  
us the whole of the band of territory ex-  
tending along the coast in a South-easterly  
direction.' The application of this Treaty  
to the Mekong Valley, 'indispensable  
to our most legitimate interests, but we do  
not doubt that Siam is fully conscious that  
we exact nothing more than a share of in-  
fluence in strict proportion to our position  
as a great neighbouring Power, and that  
she understands that her own prosperity  
will result from ours.'

**EGYPT AND THE POWERS.**  
LONDON, April 12.  
A despatch from Lord Lansdowne to Sir  
E. Monson emphasises the French recog-  
nition of the prominent position of Great  
Britain in Egypt. A new Khedival decree  
annexed to a declaration and accepted by  
France will, if accepted by the other  
Powers, give Egypt a free hand in the  
disposal of her own resources. The func-  
tions of the Caisse will be strictly limited to  
receiving the assigned revenues and paying  
Coupons, and will have no right to interfere  
with the general administration of the  
country. The Economise Fund, which now  
amounts to £5,000,000, will be handed over  
to the Egyptian Government. There is a  
reasonable hope that there will be no  
serious obstacle to the promulgation of the  
Khedival decree by the other Powers,  
whose holding in the Egyptian debt is quite  
insignificant, but should unexpected ob-  
stacles arise, England can count on the  
support of French diplomacy to overcome  
them. Lord Cromer considers that the  
time is not ripe for modifying the legislative  
and judicial systems, but when the time  
comes, England has sufficient grounds for  
counting on French co-operation for effect-  
ing the necessary changes.

**A Bal Masque.**  
The Singapore Free Press of the 6th  
inst. reports:—At a private dance at Go-  
vernment House last night the novelty  
was that 'everybody came in masks and  
dominoes, the disguise of the guests in most  
cases being very effective until their speech  
betrayed them. All the guests unmasked  
at 11.30. The scene, with its sense of  
mystery, gay movement, and endless  
variety of colour, was one of the most  
picturesque possible.

**The Kwangsi Rebellion.**  
The report of the Pakhoi Medical and  
Leprosy Mission says in connection with  
the Kwangsi Rebellion that they have had  
many patients who have been wounded by  
the rebels and they have quite a museum  
of bullets extracted from several of them.  
Sometimes the pirates went to the Hospital  
themselves, as the following incident sug-  
gests. A man went one day saying he was  
travelling with others on a boat loaded  
with a cargo of wood when they were at-  
tacked by pirates. In the affray he was  
wounded in the leg and came to the Mission  
to have the bullet extracted. It was remark-  
ed at the time that his appearance made it  
more than likely he was the pirate and had  
got his wound deservedly.

**SUPREME COURT.**

**IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.**  
(Before His Honour, Sir W. M. Goodman,  
Chief Justice.)  
Thursday, April 14, 1904.

**SOLICITORS AND THEIR CLIENTS.**  
Cheong Kam Tin alias Cheung Yung  
sued Mr. C. Ewens (of Messrs Ewens and  
Hartson) for the recovery of \$94,382.04,  
damages, costs and interest thereon from  
October 30, 1903 in respect to the purchase  
of Farm Lot No. 15.

Mr. H. E. Pollock (instructed by Mr. G.  
K. H. Brutton) appeared for the plaintiff,  
while Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C. (instructed  
by defendant) appeared for the defence.

After the taking of evidence had con-  
cluded Mr. Sharp said that the plaintiff  
alleged that he was induced to make the  
contract by the defendant's misrepresenta-  
tion. The plaintiff's case was one of fraud  
inasmuch as the negligence referred to came  
under two heads—negligence in not getting  
to know the arrangements, which falls as  
Mr. Ewens admits he did know, and negli-  
gence in not informing the plaintiff of the  
arrangements, and that unconscionably  
amounted to fraud. He submitted that the  
plaintiff had failed to prove fraud, and that  
the witnesses for the defence had actually  
proved the contrary. He denied that the  
plaintiff had employed Mr. Ewens to act as  
solicitor. Mr. Ewens explained that he had  
a share in the business, and could not act  
as the plaintiff's solicitor. He knew of the ar-  
rangements with the Government and explained  
that the plaintiff's case had failed and  
asked for judgment for defendant.

Mr. Pollock said that so far as Mr. Ewens  
was concerned he was satisfied from the  
evidence he gave that no mischief from the  
evidence made by defendant with the intent  
to deceive the plaintiff, but there were other  
aspects of the case which have to be taken  
into consideration. Mr. Ewens occupied a  
somewhat singular position as Manager of  
the China Commercial Company, and  
amongst the powers he possessed was  
power to increase the capital of the share-  
holders. Mr. Ewens stated that he in-  
vited the plaintiff that he could not act  
as his solicitor, but both Mr. Ramjani and  
Sin Tak Fan (Mr. Ewens' clerk) said that  
what they remembered him saying was to  
the effect that the plaintiff could get an-  
other solicitor if he liked.

The Chief Justice remarked that had not  
Mr. Ewens given the evidence he had, he  
(the Chief Justice) would have had some  
remarks to make, but after Mr. Ewens'  
evidence, he did not see what could be  
done. Mr. Ewens could not force the  
plaintiff to go to another solicitor.

Mr. Pollock contended that there was  
sufficient evidence on behalf of the plaintiff  
to show that he was mistaken as to what he  
was purchasing.

The Chief Justice delivered judgment for  
defendant with costs.

**IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.**  
(Before His Honour, Mr. T. Sercombe  
Smith, Acting Police Judge.)  
Thursday April 14, 1904.

**A CLAIM FOR GOODS SOLD.**  
The Tak Cheong Wo firm sued the Yee  
Cheong firm for \$983.39, for groceries,  
etc., sold and delivered.

Mr. E. J. Grist (of Messrs Wilkinson and  
Grist) appeared for the plaintiffs, while Mr.  
E. P. Bett represented the defendants.  
Judgment was given for plaintiffs.

**ALLEGED ATTEMPTED  
POISONING**

**A Narrow Escape.**  
An attempt to poison a Chinese woman  
at Kowloon City, which fortunately failed,  
is alleged to have taken place on Tuesday  
evening.

It appears that an old Chinese woman  
was boiling rice in her house about 8  
o'clock at night, when she had occasion to  
leave the room for a few minutes. While  
she was outside she saw a Chinaman, with  
whom she was acquainted, enter her  
house.

She saw him approach the rice pot and  
look into it. Knowing the man she did not  
pay much attention to the incident, but  
some little time afterwards she glanced at  
the rice and saw some yellow looking  
matter on it. This she skimmed off and  
threw into the pig-wash. Little dreaming  
of the nature of the substance she had  
skimmed off, she ate a portion of her meal.

Some time elapsed, and then she began  
to feel ill and vomited. A doctor was  
summoned and he gave the woman an  
emetic. She told her story and search was  
made for the man she had seen in her house,  
but he was found to have disappeared. No















